

## UCFB Wembley 1 England U18 1

Saturday 2nd March 2019

### At Vale Farm Sports Centre

The final warm up game before the Centenary Shield kicks off in Slough on Friday saw the squad travel to the capital to face the UCFB Wembley Campus side.



With a few additions to the squad to cover minor injuries it was a frantic start to the match with newcomer Ben Greenwood causing some early problems for the home side early on down the left flank but, despite forcing a couple of early corners, the pressure came to nothing.

The home side then took the lead with a bizarre own goal after a mix up at the back, aided by a blustery wind, saw a back pass end up in the back of Taylor Seymour's net for a 1-0 lead.

England continued to press and came close to levelling on a number of occasions but were unable to find the target with a collection of near misses.

Owen Windsor came close to connecting with a corner that drifted untouched across the box as well as just failing to connect with a spectacular bicycle kick 10 yards out while Ethan Cartwright's long range drive was tipped over for a corner by the home keeper.



The home side looked dangerous on the break a couple of times with a long range strike across the face of the goal seeing Seymour scrambling across goal but the ball flashed wide of goal.

Windsor fired wired when through on goal under pressure from the defender and goalkeeper while just before half time Cartwright was again denied a goal after Isaac Sinclair had blocked a clearance by the goalkeeper who recovered in time to get a touch to the low shot and divert the ball wide.



## Half Time - UCFB Wembley 1 - 0 England U18

With a number of changes in the team at the interval it was not too long before the scores were level when Connor Taylor converted a cross from inside the 6 yard box to make it 1-1.

Once again it was the visitors who continued to press and Sam Harding will wonder how he managed to head wide from 8 yards out when he was left alone by a static defence.

England almost snatched the win at the death when a James Richardson, back on the side after injury, saw a header tipped onto the crossbar by the UCFB keeper and out for a corner with what proved to be the last chance at either end.

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A tough test for the boys ahead of Friday's opening Centenary Shield fixture with Wales is one that will hopefully stand them in good stead for the first of four very tough international matches.